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It is just unbelievable that a company such as Microsoft is penalized for being successful. Enough already! I have yet to find ANYONE who has been "hurt" by what ever Microsoft has been accused of. The real villain in this circus are the competitors of Microsoft who just cannot compete or will not compete without government intervention. If you cannot compete in a certain market, then you probably are IN the wrong market. This is what a true "open market" is. Microsoft is being penalized for following the American Way. A successful company that has indeed improved my way of life and millions of others. Let's face it. The states that are involved are only looking for another "cash cow" to fill their coffers. To drain Microsoft of legally earned revenue, an amount that Microsoft will have to pay, but like any other prudent company, would pass the cost back to the consumer by raising the price of it's product, thus basically becoming a "hidden tax" upon the American people.

The Department of Justice must end this trampling on the spirit of what is America, an open market, the freedom of commerce, the right to be successful without penalty.

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